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## THE BRAES OF BALLENDEN.

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Beneath a green shade, a lovely young swain One cvining reclin'd, to disclose his pain. So sad, yet so sweetly, he warbled his woe, The winds ceas'd to breathe, and the fountains to flow: Rude winds with compassion could hear him complain, Yet Chloe, less gentle, was deaf to his strain.

- " How happy," hc cry'd, " my moments once flew,
- " Ere Chloe's bright charms first flash'd on my view!
- "These eyes then with pleasure the dawn could survey,
- " Nor smil'd the fair morning more cheerful than they;
- " Now, nothing but scenes of distress please my sight-
- " I'm tortur'd in pleasure, and languish in light.
- "Thro' changes, in vain, relief I pursue;
- " All, all but conspire my grief to renew.
- " From sunshine to zephyrs and shades we repair,
- " To sunshine we fly from too picrcing an air;
- "But love's ardent fever burns always the same;
- " No winter can cool it, no summer inflame.
- " But see, the pale moon all clouded retires;
- "The breezes grow cool, not Strephon's desires;
- " I fly from the dangers of tempest and wind,
- "Yet nourish the madness that preys on my mind:
- " Ah wretch! how can life, now, be worthy thy care!
- "Since length'ning its moments but lengthens despair."

